lithium salts in psychiatry; the other considers the special problems of psychotropic drug prescribing in children and in the elderly. A surprising amount of useful information is packed in a relatively small space, and the author makes balanced and cautious judgements regarding the indications and usefulness of drugs in the psychiatric conditions considered.

Where the book is wanting is in the limited range of topics covered; no mention, for instance, of the use of drugs in sexual problems, and hardly any of the management of alcoholism. Furthermore, within each clinical category there is no description of those newer compounds which are generally available in the United Kingdom but not in the United States, nor is the British trade name given where this differs from the American one. Thus this book can be of limited value to psychiatrists practising in Britain.

The first half of Goldsmith's book is an elementary introduction to the structure and function of the nervous system and to other organs likely to be affected by psychotropic drugs. The second half is essentially a catalogue of drugs used in psychiatric practice, listed under their American trade names. There is a rather old-fashioned air about it, and the relative space given to various drugs hardly reflects modern clinical practice: three and a half pages, for example, are devoted to meprobamate. This book will appeal only to the most unsophisticated mental health worker.

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Handbook of Studies on Depression. Edited by GRAHAM D. BURROWS. *Excerpta Medica.* $68.95.

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